A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning
Public Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Stakeholders

FOR the purpose of requiring that, to the extent practicable, certain stakeholders convened under the Maternal Mortality Review Program reflect certain racial and ethnic diversity; and generally relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–1213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

13–1213.

(a) (1) At least twice a year, the Secretary shall convene a meeting of stakeholders, including representatives of:

[(1)] (I) The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities;

[(2)] (II) The Maryland Patient Safety Center;

[(3)] (III) The Maryland Healthy Start Program;

[(4)] (IV) Women’s health advocacy organizations;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Community organizations engaged in maternal health and family support issues;

Families that have experienced a maternal death;

Local health departments; and

Health care providers that provide maternal health services.

TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE STAKEHOLDERS CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL REFLECT THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF WOMEN MOST IMPACTED BY MATERNAL DEATHS IN THE STATE.

(b) Of the two meetings required under subsection (a) of this section:

(1) One meeting shall be held within 90 days after submission of the report required under § 13–1212 of this subtitle to:

(i) Review the findings and recommendations in the report;

(ii) Examine issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths;

(iii) Review the status of implementation of previous recommendations; and

(iv) Identify new recommendations with a focus on initiatives to address issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths; and

(2) One meeting shall be held within 6 months after the meeting held under item (1) of this subsection to review the status of implementation of previous recommendations and consider any new information that may be relevant for the identification of additional recommendations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.